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SUBJECT: KIESL ANNOUNCES FIRST DETAILS OF STRUCTURE
OF NEW MUNICH GOVERNMENT

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1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. IN STATEMENT BEFORE SELECTED JOURNALISTS AND A FEW VETERAN CSU MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL ON EVENING OF MARCH 15, MUNICH LORD MAYOR ELECT ERICH KIESL ANNOUNCED SEVERAL DETAILS ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW MUNICH CITY GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL TAKE OFFICE ON MAY 1, 1978. THIS MESSAGE DISCUSSES KEISL'S STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. KIESL ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO NOMINATE WINFRIED ZEHETMEIER AS MUNICH'S "SECOND MAYOR." ZEHETMEIER
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IS PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE CSU CAUCUS (FRAKTION)
IN MUNICH CITY COUNCIL.

3. KIESL ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT MEMBERS OF THE NEW CSU CITY COUNCIL CAUCUS HAVE REACHED ACCORD ON NOMINATION OF FRANZ JOSEF DELONGE AS NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE CSU CAUCUS.

4. ACCORDING TO KEISL, THE MUNICH SPD HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT IT IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THAT IT FEELS THAT MAX VON HECKEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE MUNICH SPD AND THE PARTY'S RECENT CANDIDATE FOR LORD MAYOR, WOULD BE WELL QUALIFIED FOR THE "THIRD MAYOR" POSITION. KIESL MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPEAT NO POINT IN DISCUSSING VON HECKEL AS A CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION. KIESL WAS CAREFUL, HOWEVER, NOT REPEAT NOT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE HAD SET ANY PRECONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SPD ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW MUNICH CITY GOVERNMENT.

5. CONGEN BELIEVES KIESL INTENDS TO DERIVE MAXIMUM POLITICAL MILEAGE FROM THE "THIRD MAYOR" APPOINTMENT. KIESL HAS NOTED PUBLICLY THAT LEADING SPD MODERATE HORST SALZMANN, WHO HAS BEEN ON THE OUTS WITH VON HECKEL, HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE JOB. MEANWHILE, KIESL HAS ALSO DISCUSSED THE "THIRD MAYOR" POSITION WITH THE MUNICH FDP LEADERSHIP.

6. THE MUNICH FDP HAS SPLIT OVER THE QUESTION WHETHER LORD MAYOR CANDIDATE CORNELIA SCHMALZ-JACOBSEN OR FDP CITY COUNCIL CAUCUS LEADER MANFRED BRUNNER WOULD BE A BETTER CANDIDATE FOR THE "THIRD MAYOR" SLOT. BETTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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